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## Invasive Water Chestnut Found In Maryland at Greenbelt Lake

by Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll

An app for mobile devices called Seek, from iNaturalist, is "a social network for sharing biodiversity information," according to the app's description. Its purpose is two-fold. It can be used to identify plants, animals, insects and other species. Users take photos and see what species the app suggests. The scientific community can glean valuable data from users' observations. This is precisely what happened on July 14 when a community member observed and reported an aquatic plant in Greenbelt Lake using the Seek app, starting a chain reaction in conservation mechanisms that track movements of invasive species. The U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Database (nas.er.usgs.gov) tracks the distribution of invasive aquatic species across the nation from its office in Gainesville, Fla. USGS staff noticed



Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll takes a selfie with the water chestnut plant.

the post about this aquatic plant, which they suspected to be water chestnut (*Trapa* sp.). The USGS reached out to the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works

and put Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll in touch with local specialists

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## Police Hold Community Crime Forum and Provide Statistics

by Emily Hahn and Amy Hansen

Police Chief Richard Bowers addressed an audience of about 30 residents and several police colleagues during the Community Crime Forum on July 28 at the Community Center. He presented statistics about crime, suggestions for crime prevention and gave a rundown on the effects of new police regulations, difficulties in recruiting new officers and

the effects of numerous recent retirements from the department.

### Auto-Related Crime

Bowers noted areas of concern in which local incidents mirror national trends – carjackings and other auto-related crimes, such as thefts of vehicle components (particularly wheels, catalytic converters and airbags) and thefts of valuables left in vehicles. County

wide, carjackings are expected to reach 500 this year, up from 383 in 2021 and 90 in 2019.

### Prevention

Bowers suggested some carjackings may be preventable with vigilance and awareness. "Pay attention to who's around you and the positioning of your car," he said, warning people to leave themselves room to drive away from a situation. He gave the example of a recent carjacking where the would-be victim was an armed security guard who was waylaid in his vehicle. Despite having a gun, the guard's reaction, correctly, was to drive away. Bowers also suggested keeping windows closed and doors locked at all times, encouraging deterrence by parking in well-lit places and possibly requesting an escort across the parking lot. To

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### What Goes On

Monday, August 8

7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, August 10

7:30 p.m., City Council Administrative Session, Municipal Building

See the city ad on Page 5 or the meetings calendar on [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov) for more information.



Greenbelt's National Night Out celebration, located in the parking lot behind Target, includes free plastic helmets from the Greenbelt Firefighters, as well as food from Mission BBQ and goodie bags from Target. See more photos, p. 12.

## Camp Pine Tree's Magic Returns

by Patrick Gleason

The sounds of summer have almost fully returned to the Greenbelt Youth Center after two years of non-traditional summer camp due to the Coronavirus pandemic. After a virtual format in 2020 and a half-day camp last year, Camp Pine Tree campers are enjoying their first full camp days since the summer of 2019. The only significant difference in this summer's format is the omission of weekly Tuesday field trips.

However, campers and staff alike are enjoying the return to a full schedule packed with traditional camp favorites.

Because the staff is comprised of mostly veteran members or former campers, the positive camp environment has refilled the rooms of the Youth Center and its environs. On a typical Monday afternoon at Camp Pine

Tree, campers may be adorned in face paint as they compete in a game of Australian Escape – a camp original similar to Capture the Flag – on the grass of Braden Field. For the younger campers, Wednesday afternoons culminate in a two-hour swim session, while the elder groups enjoy free swim time on Fridays. All campers also participate in swim lessons multiple mornings each week.

With many of the staff members having attended camp since their days in some of the youngest aged groups such as Sugar, Lodgepole or Loblolly – each group is named after a variety of pine tree – the camp staff has focused on recreating the magic of previous summers, while

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

A fast-moving game of cone dodge-ball takes players around the youth center gymnasium. This group of campers had just returned from swim lessons at the pool but were still ready to run.

## Primary Election Winners

Information from the Maryland State Board of Elections

### Republican Candidates:

Governor/Lt. Governor: Dan Cox/Gordana Schifanelli

Comptroller: Barry Glassman

Attorney General: Michael Anthony Peroutka

U.S. Senator: Chris Chaffee

U.S. Representative, District 4: Jeff Warner

State Senate, District 22: no Republican candidate

House of Delegates, District 22: no Republican candidate

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Sheriff: John D.B. Carr

Judge, Prince George's County Circuit Court: Carol Ann Coderre (Republican and Democratic primaries)

# Letters to the Editor

## Porch Appreciates Our Supporters

Words can't express how much the supporters of the Greenbelt PORCH are appreciated. They are helping to keep our community fed and the St. Hugh Food Pantry operating. This service is humbling. These donations sustain operations so that we may serve more of our struggling neighbors. Greenbelt PORCH is eternally grateful.

Greenbelt PORCH wishes to spotlight the Woodland Hills community led by Deb and Peter Schultz and Bob Rand who have contributed nearly a ton and a half of donated food. Thank you.

Robert Goldberg-Strassler

## Belated Kudos; Going Green

I wish to give belated congratulations to the News Review for publishing the newspaper after the July 12 storm that shut our power down for a full day or more. I was very surprised to see the News Review distributed as

usual on Thursday, July 14.

I myself found it impossible to provide my Zoom office hours that had been scheduled for July 13. I went back and forth between the library (which didn't open until noon) and the New Deal Café. Neither had internet service until the very late afternoon. This time was too late for me to even contact my students to reschedule.

On a totally different note, I wish to report that I upgraded my mobile phone service from half a bar to three bars by switching carriers. I formerly had service with a major carrier and switched to a "green" carrier for half the monthly charges. In addition to the savings, I was rewarded by the three-bar connectivity to replace my sporadic previous service.

Shalom Fisher

## Forgetting One's Physics

In her July 28 letter, Trudy Croyeur campaigns for mini windmills everywhere in Green-

belt, including wind turbines atop cars. She also offers her engineering for their development.

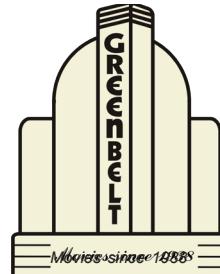
But, first, lest she waste her engineering work, I suggest that she dig out her old physics textbooks.

Wind turbines atop cars would greatly increase the gasoline usage, because of the necessary increase in the frontal area of cars, and because traveling two times as fast uses up fuel four times as fast.

Notably, whenever a wind device displaces solar panels (except in windy locales) maximum renewable energy availability decreases.

My U of MD physics career enabled this letter.

Bill Norwood



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**AUGUST 5TH – AUGUST 11TH**

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**SCREEN 2** - The Screening Room, CAPPED AT 30

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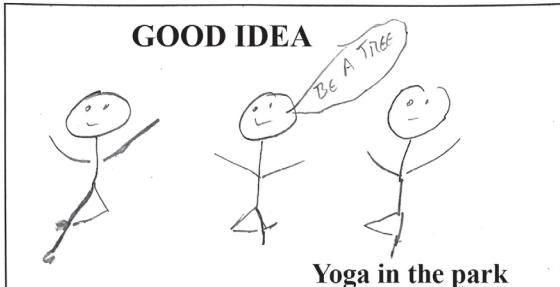
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School's Out! Screening: Free  
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(PG) (2019) (96 MINS)

THURS. 1:00 PM **SCREEN 1**



**Yoga in the park**



**Yoga in the dog park**

- by Amy Hansen, drawn at the News Review Open House, July 10



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Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.  
GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center's east door near the municipal building.

## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song

This feature-length documentary is a definitive exploration of singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen as seen through the prism of his internationally renowned hymn, Hallelujah. The film weaves together three creative strands: the songwriter and his times, and the song's dramatic journey from record label reject to chart-topping hit. And moving testimonies from major recording artists for whom Hallelujah has become a personal touchstone.

### Where the Crawdads Sing

From the best-selling novel comes a captivating mystery that tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world; but when one of them is found dead, she is immediately cast by the community as the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what actually happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal the many secrets that lay within the marsh.

### The Angry Birds Movie 2

In this animated film, Red, Chuck, Bomb and the rest of their feathered friends are surprised when a green pig suggests that they put aside their differences and unite to fight a common threat. Aggressive birds from an island covered in ice are planning to use an elaborate weapon to destroy the fowl and swine way of life. After picking their best and brightest, the birds and pigs come up with a scheme to infiltrate the island, deactivate the device and return to their respective paradises intact.



Aplos Americana vine

PHOTO BY CAMILA LUCHSINGER

# Community Events

## New GES Principal Meet & Greet

On Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Greenbelt Elementary School will host a Meet & Greet on the school grounds for the new principal, Joel L. Nelson. All parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend.



PHOTO COURTESY PGCPSS

Joel L. Nelson

## Food Collection For Hunger Relief

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food in the month of August as scheduled below:

Sunday August 14, by 11 a.m., at 1 to 8 Courts Ridge, 1 to 8 Courts Crescent and 1 to 2 Courts Westway

Sunday, August 21, by 4 p.m. for Boxwood and P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members

Saturday, August 27, by 11 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road

Sunday, August 28, by 4 p.m. for 9, 11, 12 and 13 Courts Ridge Road; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Those in neighborhoods with no monthly food drive can help through P.A.L. To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com by noon on Sunday, August 21; leave donations by the front door marked RUAK or PORCH visible from the street. Ensure that the use-by date of the donated items has not expired.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Particularly sought are coordinators in Greenbelt East. For more information, contact Goldberg-Strassler.

## Artful Afternoon: Mudcloth Workshop

Greenbelt Recreation invites guests of all ages to enjoy a free workshop with Community Center Artist-in-Residence Karen Arrington. Come paint with pigments made from local mud, as inspired by the bogolanfini tradition from Mali in West Africa. Materials provided. This Artful Afternoon activity will take place on Sunday, August 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. While there, guests can also enjoy an exhibition of paintings by artist Sally Davies. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are recommended. Sign up online by following the link at [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts). City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Golden Age Club August Schedule

The Golden Age Club is meeting in person on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center second floor meeting room. The schedule for coming weeks is:

August 10, BINGO (note that the week is different this month).

August 17, birthday celebrations.

August 24, Luisa Robles (Public Works), Recycling in Greenbelt. Bring questions about what/how to recycle and compost.

August 31, no meeting.

## Tissue, Cereal Boxes Needed for Art Projects

Greenbelt Recreation Arts is collecting empty tissue boxes, preferably rectangular, and empty cereal boxes, for upcoming after-school art class projects. There is a collection bin in the Community Center lobby, near the main office. For more information, contact [agardner@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:agardner@greenbeltdmd.gov).

## Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center.

## Donate Supplies For Area Schools

Greenbelt Community Church's annual Paper Drive is now underway to help our local schools with donations of supplies or money. Primary needs include: pencils, colored pencils, crayons, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, hand soap, hand sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, erasers, two-pocket folders, and tissues. All donated items must be new and unopened.

Those who would prefer to donate money, make checks payable to Greenbelt Community Church and write Paper Drive in the memo line or on the envelope. Place envelopes in the offering plate or drop them off at the church office. Donations are also accepted through the GIVE button located on the church website – click on Other and leave a note in the comments section that the donation is for the Paper Drive.

Donation items and checks can be brought to the church office Mondays to Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 301-474-6171 with any questions. The donation drive will run until Sunday, August 7.

## Free Summer Meals For Kids and Teens

The Summer Food Service Program will run until Friday, August 12, while supplies last, according to Prince George's County Public Schools. The program, which runs through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides free meals to all children and teens 18 years old and under, according to the Maryland State Department of Education website.

Schrom Hills Park is the Greenbelt location for free meals this summer. Lunch will be available between noon and 12:30 p.m. No identification is necessary to receive a meal, according to Director of Prince George's County Public School Food and Nutrition Services Joan Shorter's secretary Mary Green.

To find other meal sites, use the Maryland Meals Site Search: [mars.msde.maryland.gov/mars\\_sitesearch/](http://mars.msde.maryland.gov/mars_sitesearch/).

## Drago Show Opening And Reception Monday

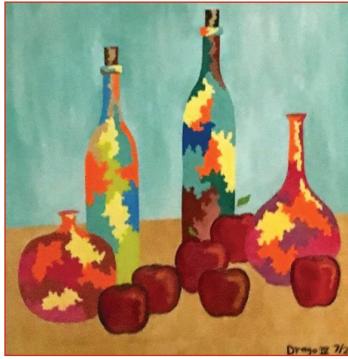


PHOTO BY EFFIE LEVNER

Almost Sold (Still Life with Bottles and Apples) by John Drago

Greenbelt artist John Drago will be honored in a reception at the Municipal Building on Monday, August 8 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Hosted by Greenbelt Recreation ARTS, the event celebrates the opening of a display of Drago's paintings spanning more than 50 years of artistic practice. Drago will share the spotlight for the evening with guest artist and friend Effie Levner, whose work will be exhibited in the space later this fall.

Light refreshments will be served. The evening will culminate in a brief "happening," resulting in the creation of a new work of art. The exhibit, John Drago: 1967 – Present, A Limited Retrospective in Six Works, will remain on view through October 27. The display is located in council chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Hours of public access are Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. whenever the space is not reserved. To confirm the daily schedule, call 301-474-8000.



## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Greenbelt Access Television

Aug 5, Fri – Aug 11, Thu

Verizon FIOS Channel 19 • Comcast 77  
(School Programming on Your Cable Guide)  
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### THIS WEEK on GATE • Your Community Access Station

7am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
8am	Democracy Now!	Yesterday's Syndicated Program
9am	GATE Classic Film • Drama • 1938	Algiers • Hedy Lamarr, Charles Boyer
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
1pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Glenn Dale v Northview
2pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON FIVE	Gay Baseball • Original Music, Variety of Genres
3pm	GATE Classic Film • Drama • 1938	Algiers • Hedy Lamarr, Charles Boyer
5pm	PGCPS Science Bowl	Glenn Dale v Northview
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10pm	Music at the New Deal SEASON FIVE	Casanovela • Original Music, Variety of Genres
11pm	Community Spotlight	Local Video Productions
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Thursday, 8/4, POETRY NIGHT w/ Prince George's County Library (open mic), 6:30 - 8pm

Friday, 8/5, Dirty Soul (Bluesy Soul & Funk), 8 - 11pm

Saturday, 8/6, Community Drum Circle with Katy Gaughan, 3:30 - 5pm

The Allman Others Band (Allman Bros. Tribute band), 8 - 11pm

Sunday, 8/7, Orleans Express (Dixieland Jazz), 6 - 8pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 IS MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT!

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CHESS CLUB, 6 - 8pm

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Tuesday, 8/9, Open Mic with Tom Woycheck-Gleason, 6:30 - 9:30pm

Wednesday, 8/10, Bob Schwartz Quartet (Straight-ahead Jazz), 7 - 9pm

Thursday, 8/11, Wolf's Open Blues Jam (Sign Up & Jam!), 6:30 - 10pm

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## Travels with News Review



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Not even King Ludwig II's Linderhof Palace in Bavaria can keep Carol Griffith from following the goings-on at home in the Greenbelt News Review.

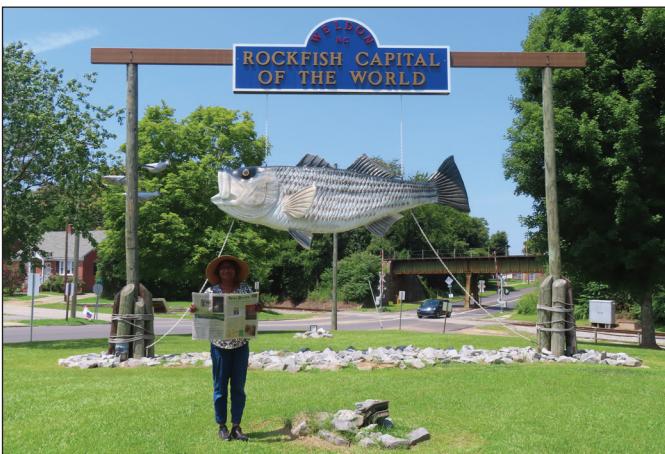


PHOTO BY FRED EDWARDS

Mary Murchison-Edwards brings the News Review to the Rockfish Capital of the World in Weldon, N.C. on July 23.

## GAIL Launches The Pink Pantry

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) has developed a new program called The Pink Pantry to provide women in need with menstrual products, in response to period poverty in Maryland. Nearly 11 percent of women and girls between the ages of 12 and 44 live below the poverty line, and although many receive assistance for other healthcare needs, they are unable to afford or access tampons, pads or other menstrual period products. The GAIL program will collaborate with the Greater DC Diaper Bank and other organizations to supply The Pink Pantry with various types of period products, distribute them on a quarterly basis and include health education workshops with

healthcare professionals to help build confidence around menstruation. Currently, GAIL is surveying the community to understand the need and gauge interest in order to develop the program and maximize its outreach.

For more information or to donate unopened period products, contact Katherine Farzin at 240-542-2019 or via email at [kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov). The Pink Pantry will debut at the Back-to-School Mini Family Health Fair on Tuesday, August 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Anyone interested in the program should complete the survey at [forms.gle/wZ89kTCRqXPKgpC79](https://forms.gle/wZ89kTCRqXPKgpC79).

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inventing some of their own. In addition to the whole-camp activities, the campers cycle through a daily schedule of arts and crafts, sports, group games and variety hour. Additionally, camp staff has scheduled in-house entertainment throughout the summer while also organizing hands-on activities, to ensure each camp day both

physically and mentally engages the campers. Longtime counselor Jenna Whelan's Camp Pine Tree mottos are "Try everything once" and "Smile, it's camp." And with a full summer, it can be assured that campers are regularly trying new activities and they are definitely smiling.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Young campers at Camp Pine Tree play a game of Spud. The leader calls a number while the ball is in the air and the person with that number is supposed to catch it.

## A Bit More Peace Through Meditation

In a world where many often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided-meditation classes to Greenbelters and non-Greenbelters for the past seven years. Meditation this year will be offered via Zoom.

The series is offered from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Mondays August 8, 22 and 29.

For more information contact Katrina Boverman at [Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com](mailto:Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com) or 301-641-1035.

Class sizes have ranged from 8 to 20 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and between classes. Common experiences outside of the classes have been for attendees to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times. These classes offer an opportunity to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace.



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Reverend Rivera, Pastor

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
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"As long as women are prevented from attaining their highest possibilities, so long will men be unable to achieve the greatness which might be theirs." — 'Abdu'l-Bahá



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

[www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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Hope As A Verb

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## Greenbelt Community Church

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- Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:15am\*, Sat 9am\*
- Sunday Mass:
  - Sat vigil 5pm\*
  - Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- Confessions Saturday 3pm - 4pm.

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CELEBRATE WITH US

135 Crescent Rd.

[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)



## At the Library

In-person programs at the Greenbelt Library include several special events in celebration of the Summer Prince George's reading program. All events are held inside on the lower level.

### Teens Create

Saturday, August 6, 11:30 a.m., ages 13 to 18. Bring favorite pop culture ideas to create Perler bead bag charms and more. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/6677108](http://pgcmls.info/event/6677108).

### Sharks

Tuesday, August 9, 6 p.m., all ages. Sharks are not the fearsome eating machines portrayed in movies; they're unique and intelligent animals whose amazing survival adaptations have kept them atop the ocean food chain since prehistoric times. In this engaging presentation, the National Aquarium will introduce these fascinating monsters while dispelling some of the most common shark myths. A hands-on session with animal artifacts is included. This program is suited for all ages; adults are welcome. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/6540387](http://pgcmls.info/event/6540387).

### Storytimes

Stories, songs, fingerplays and more. All participants over age 2 must wear a mask. This event may be subject to change depending upon updated safety guidelines.

Wednesday, August 10, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/6689690](http://pgcmls.info/event/6689690).

Thursday, August 11, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/6690240](http://pgcmls.info/event/6690240).

### Teen STEM Lab

Wednesday, August 10, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Explore marine biology, planet science and more to gain an understanding of ocean science using cool experiments. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/6677161](http://pgcmls.info/event/6677161).

### Passport Hours

Passport acceptance service hours at the Greenbelt Library are: Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting [pgcmls.info/passport-services](http://pgcmls.info/passport-services). All applicants regardless of age must be present at their appointment and families with multiple applicants must schedule separate appointments for each applicant.

## Crisis Hotline's New Number is 988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is now 988 and is available for phone calls and text messages.

Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

## Greenbelt Farmers Market



**Sundays 10a - 2p**  
Southway and Centerway



[GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org](http://GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org)



# City Information & Events

*The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.*

### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:30 pm

#### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Petitions and Requests

Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

\* Minutes of Council Meetings

- Statement of Record - Closed Session, July 25, 2022

#### Administrative Reports

\* Committee Reports

\* Forest Preserve Advisory Board Report #2022-04: Request to Public Works for Removal of Pavilion and Frill in the Greenbriar Tract of the Forest Preserve

#### LEGISLATION

-A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Construction Service to Build a Gateway Signage Wall and Install Signage from Jopal Construction Inc. at a Lump Sum Cost of \$39,000 with an Agreement that if a Change in Material Price Increases More Than 10% Between the Time of Estimate (July 2022) and Completion of Project an Extra Charge Will Apply for This Increase - 2nd Reading, Adoption

-A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) - 1st Reading

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Recommended Spending Plan

- Nichelle Nichols Day

- Extending the Reparation Application Deadline

- Council Activities

- Council Reports

\* Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committee

\* Resignation from Advisory Group

\* Approval of Board of Appeals Resolution - Variance Application #22-007

#### MEETINGS

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov)*

#### MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 8-12

Tuesday, August 9 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Revised GPD General Orders Review, Status of Community Policing Results, Neighboring Public Safety Committees, Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, August 9 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Notes, Old Business: Work on Report for Recommended Tree Species Appropriate to Plant Near Streets, New Business, Adjourn

Wednesday, August 10 at 7:30 pm, **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

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Do you enjoy serving your community? Are you available every third Thursday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm?

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To sign up, contact Flora Li at [fli@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:fli@greenbeltdmd.gov) or (301) 412-2480

#### Greenbelt CARES Presents... LEARN WAYS TO CONTROL YOUR ANGER

Where: Online

When: Monday Evenings from 7 - 8:15 pm  
July 18 - September 19

9 sessions - No Class September 5

Cost: Free

Who: Adults, Ages 18+

Contact us to Enroll: [cares@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltdmd.gov)

#### GREENBELT RECREATION 2022 SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

Visit [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation/](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation/) to view and register.

Follow the City of Greenbelt on Facebook and Twitter @ [cityofgreenbelt](http://cityofgreenbelt)! For City information and events visit [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)



### BACK-TO-SCHOOL MINI FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

August 23rd, 10am-2pm  
6101 Cherrywood Ln., Greenbelt, MD

Free backpack with school supplies for the first 75 registrants

To register, call (240) 542-2033 or visit <http://ow.ly/ACQ250JRPzk>



#### GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This FREE PROGRAM is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt, newborn to 2 years old, children who wear pull-ups. Services include: Monthly diapers, formula, baby accessories; baby wellness nursing assessment; baby milestone progress review; information & resource linkage; healthy eating education

For more information, call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or via email [kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov)

#### COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Reparations Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

#### Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 7/18/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance  
297 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,298,775.51

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance  
11 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$37,270.74

#### GAIL PROGRAM PRESENTS PINK PANTRY

August 23, 10 am -- 2 pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

This program provides period products to income qualified Greenbelt residents.

Please call (240) 542-2019

#### FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

#### GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

If you enjoy working with the public, please apply at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/jobs)

Recreation Assistants (Community Center)

Part-time, supportive culture.

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Administrative Function Meeting of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, to discuss details of the meeting process, protocols during the meeting, scheduling meetings, and setting the agenda.

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\* The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the Administrative Function Meeting and observe the vote of the Council to move into the Administrative Function Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, Assistant to the City Clerk

#### FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION ¡GRATIS! DISTRIBUCION DE VERDURAS

Thursday, August 18

1 - 3 pm

jueves, 18 de agosto

1 - 3 pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building  
25 Crescent Road

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Interested in serving on the Reparations Commission?

Find our application at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/reparations](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/reparations)

# Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

## Co-op Store to Celebrate Array of Local Vendors

by Jill Stevenson



Victor McEntee, Co-op meat department manager, displays an array of local products.

During the week of August 8 to 15, the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy is celebrating its many local vendors throughout the store during Co-op Loves Local Week. An array of local vendor samples and tastings, from Simple Pleasures ice cream to wine and beer from local wineries and breweries, is planned.

"In the past couple of years, Co-op has focused more and

more on great local products, and customers have responded with greater demand for even more local. We're excited to give our Greenbelt community as many local choices as possible," said Dan Gillotte, general manager.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Buy Local Challenge, a statewide initiative

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## Luminis CEO Elected To Board of Trustees

Tori Bayless, chief executive officer of Luminis Health, has been elected to the Board of Trustees for the American Hospital Association (AHA). Luminis Health was formed in 2019 when Anne Arundel Medical Center and Doctors Community Medical Center came together to better serve their communities. The AHA Board of Trustees is the highest policymaking body of the AHA and has ultimate authority for the governance and management of its directions and finances. Bayless will serve a three-year term beginning January 1.

Bayless has been an AHA commissioner on the board of The Joint Commission (TJC) since 2020 and serves on various TJC committees. She served as a delegate on AHA Regional Policy Board 3 from 2015-2017, and will be its chair starting in January of 2023. Bayless received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tufts University in Medford, Mass., and a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.



Tori Bayless, Luminis CEO

## Deeply-rooted McCarl Dental Puts Teeth into Technology

by Cathie Meetre

McCarl Dental has been a fixture in Greenbelt from almost before the city itself existed.

Dr. James W. McCarl, who graduated dental school in 1924, was appointed as Greenbelt's dentist in May, 1938 and the office was initially located at 30 Ridge Road. In 1955, Dr. James purchased 28-A and 28-B Ridge Road when his son, Dr. J. Taylor McCarl, joined the practice, working there until 1988, and even living in one of the two duplex homes initially. When Dr. J. Taylor's brother, Dr. Clayton Sr. joined in 1956, the family blended the two houses into one office with multiple treatment rooms and the two generations worked together until Dr. James died in 1967.

Today, this historic Greenbelt dental family's third generation has the patriarchal helm, with James' grandchildren Drs. Clayton, Jr., and Jay McCarl; Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) Sally McCarl Moore and their cousin Dr. David J. McCarl, Dr. J. Taylor's son. A fourth generation is in the works, with Ashley McCarl Harrison, RHD already on board. Unrelated, but practically family, are newer partners Drs. Dianna Lee and Richard Duarte, Lee having been inspired to attend dental school by her stint as a part-time assistant at the practice during her high school and college days.

With such a bevy of McCarls, it is no wonder that all are known by their first names; addressed, for example, as Dr. Clayton and Dr. Jay.

### A Busy Office

The lovingly maintained and landscaped GHI block homes on the corner of Ridge Road and Gardenway are hardly cookie cutter. The original staircase and room layout result in a 3-D jigsaw puzzle of rooms through which patients are led by hygienists who collect them in the waiting room, guide them to their appointed dental chair and usher them safely back to base. Main level rooms provide for those with impaired mobility.

The office is busy but calm, with a quiet hum of activity



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PHOTO COURTESY MCCARL DENTAL

This Glidewell milling machine produces high fidelity crowns and implants made from zirconia.

for all.

### Laser-based Technology

The original tooth (or gap) and its context are measured by a laser and digitized into a computer-aided design (CAD) model that can be finely tuned and edited as necessary by the dentist to achieve the desired outcomes. This CAD specification is fed to a 3-D milling machine which uses a fresh diamond burr to sculpt a zirconia block (according to Dr. Clayton, it's much like Michelangelo chipping away at a block of granite to reveal David) into the crown. Dr. Clayton notes that zirconia is the hardest-known ceramic and is often used today for artificial hips, rather than titanium. When the patient returns in a couple of hours, the crown is ready to be fitted and integrated with its neighbors.

### Giving Back to the World

This is not the only way the McCarl practice approaches the modern world. Dr. Jay recently returned from a two-week visit to Poland, during which he and hygienists Josie and Carla provided emergency dental care to Ukrainian refugees. A steel shipping container rapidly transformed into

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 Greenbelt Elementary School PTA  
**Got Books?**  
We'd love to take them off your hands!

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is collecting book donations for our Annual Labor Day Book Sale Fundraiser. Please no cassette or VHS tapes. CDs and DVDs welcomed.

### Donation Locations:

#### Greenbelt Elementary

Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 am – 2 pm  
Sunday, Aug. 14 10 am – 2 pm

#### Greenbelt Coop

Monday, Aug. 15 – Friday, Aug. 19  
Anytime (Look for the donation cart inside)

#### Greenbriar Condos

Monday, Aug. 15 – Friday, Aug. 19  
Anytime (Drop off in the front office)

For More info contact the PTA at [GreenbeltESPTA@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltESPTA@gmail.com)

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**GIVE BLOOD  
GIVE LIFE**

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created by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, promoted in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. The challenge encourages all Marylanders to pledge their support for local farms and producers by choosing to buy Maryland grown and produced products. "We are fortunate to live in a state that produces world-class agricultural and seafood products," said Governor Larry Hogan. "Buying local puts more money back into the pockets of our farmers, watermen and producers, allowing them to grow their operations, hire more people, support other local businesses and reinvest in their communities."

At the Greenbelt Co-op, the local vendor radius covers not only all of Maryland but extends to farms and orchards in southern Pennsylvania, Delaware, D.C. and the farms of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. "I'm very proud of the amount of local seafood, meat and deli vendors we have in our area," said Victor McEntee,

meat department manager. At last count, McEntee's department carried over a dozen local vendors and he and his team are always on the lookout for more. McEntee continued, "Cheese from Firefly Farms, Farmer Focus Chicken from Virginia and amazing fish from the Chesapeake are just some of the local products I love."

"Supporting local vendors is important," said Gillotte. "A close connection with local vendors means fresher, better product and our enthusiasm for our vendor partners is shared by our customers." Greenbelt Co-op is a strong supporter of the popular Greenbelt Farmers Market. "We love that several market vendor favorites are also featured in-store," said Gillotte. "If you miss the market, you can still get awesome local product at Co-op."

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy is located at 121 Centerway, Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt. Be sure to pick up a list of local vendors at the store.

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a clinic was their medical office as they treated 20 patients a day for a variety of dental emergencies. Planned only two weeks in advance, this trip resembled similar (but less precipitous)

trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. See the full story at [greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20220519.pdf](http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20220519.pdf).



A wild rabbit runs for the hills.

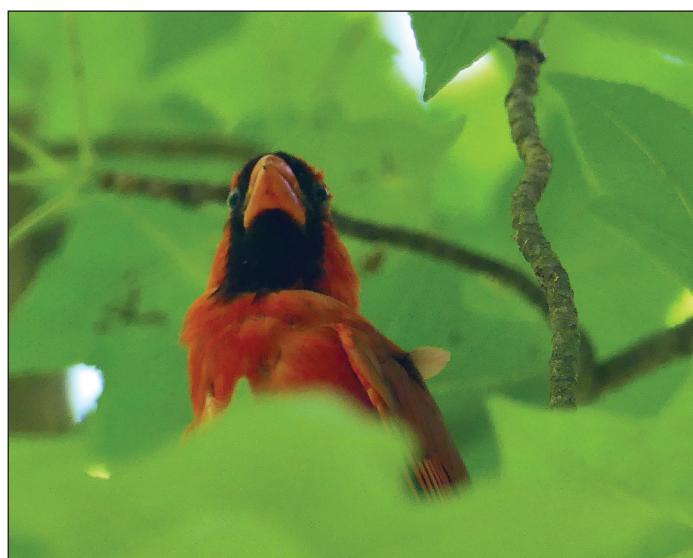
- Photos by Kathryn Beard

## Cardinals, from eggs to hatchlings



Cardinal chicks, from eggs to hatchlings to ready to leave the nest

- Photos by Joe Robbins



Male cardinal

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protect catalytic converters, he suggested cages that bolt the converter to the vehicle structure or incising ownership information into it; he also recommended devices, like The Club, that lock the steering wheel and incidentally protect the airbags. For wheel theft he noted that locking lug-nuts don't always work.

### Mailbox Thefts

"The other big increase is theft from mailboxes," Bowers said, explaining how thieves have stolen keys for U.S. mailboxes and used them to harvest checks; then washed, re-wrote and fraudulently deposited them. Prevention includes using mailboxes inside the post office, paying bills online and, if a check is the only recourse, using a black gel pen so the ink cannot be easily washed off (ballpoint is easily washed off by acetone). He encouraged keeping a careful watch on bank transactions and subscribing to online notifications. These theft trends, Bowers repeated, are not just here. "It's in every area across the country," he said. He also confirmed that the plastic wrapping of a local mailbox was not done by his department and noted that one mailbox key would open large numbers of boxes.

### Changes in Policing

Policing has also been affected by changes in state law, Bowers said. State laws, which changed last year, have affected procedures, changed rules relating to incarceration and charging, and altered the treatment of juveniles. These changes also require additional scrutiny of police actions at the state level. Bowers said that Greenbelt and other local departments are "feeling our way through a set of laws." The process is exacerbated by staffing shortages at all levels.

### Staffing

Staffing at Greenbelt is relatively good but not ideal, Bowers related. There are currently 48 sworn members of the department out of 53 authorized. He noted 25 retirements in the last two years and 26 new hires. Despite successful hiring, attrition keeps restoring the balance.

"When I came on board, the department was skewed to the older side," Bowers said. "Now it's skewing to the much younger side."

### Applicants Down

Nationally, there are fewer people wanting to work in law enforcement. This is a problem as applicants are far fewer; in the past there would be 30 applicants for a position, and they are now averaging two. He is also concerned about the additional population expected from city growth, including recently-built apartments and proposed new apartments at Beltway Plaza that would increase the city's population significantly.

### Public Information

Public Information Officer Hannah Glasgow explained that breaking news on crime is carried on the department's website and Facebook page, as well as Twitter. Statistics available to the public include the Weekly Crime Report (WCR).

The WCR is the basis for the police blotter which is now published in this newspaper each Thursday for the week ending



Police park at the Community Center before the forum on Thursday, July 28.

PHOTO BY EMILY HAHN

the Sunday before instead of two weeks in arrears, as was the case historically. The WCR is received Tuesday early evening by the newspaper and is based on dispatcher reports of incidents. It does not contain follow-up from later actions. A representative of the News Review pointed out, when asked by Bowers, that the police website showed its last official press release was in January and that the WCR postings were not always up to date or complete.

### Officers Chime In

Bowers introduced the officers present, who discussed community policing and responded briefly to audience questions about the justifiable use of force and the training police officers get in responding to highly-charged situations and in using firearms.

### Gun Ownership

Concerns were raised about the effect of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's order to his administration to ease the state's licensing rules for carrying a con-

cealed handgun based on the recent Supreme Court ruling. Bowers agreed that this was likely to increase the number of guns. Bowers responded obliquely to the possibility raised by the audience that people too young to be charged with a crime (13 or under) are being organized to perform auto-related crime by those who are older.

It was clear that members of the audience did not all agree with each other's points of view, and voices sometimes became insistent and interruptive. But perhaps the presence of several burly armed policemen kept things in check.

### Cop Tips for Safety

Chief Bowers of the Greenbelt Police Department offers these suggestions:

#### Avoid Carjacking

Keep doors locked, windows closed.  
Park where it's well-lit.  
If approached, drive steadily away.  
If flagged down while moving, keep enough distance when stopping to drive away forward.

#### Avoid Mailbox Robberies

Send money electronically wherever possible.  
Drop checks inside the post office secure mail slot.  
Write checks using black gel pen. Other inks wash out more easily.

### Local Advice

## Find Local Resources For Services, Support

by Dorrie Bates

Did you know that you may request an interpreter for any city activity? Or that the Prince George's library system offers online live tutoring in any school subject through Brainfuse HelpNow? Want to practice Brazilian Jiu Jitsu? There's a group in Old Greenbelt that does that.

Connecting Across Greenbelt has compiled a list of support services, organizations and programs on their website, connectingacrossgreenbelt.org. General topics are: Health and Well-being, Education, Immigration, Seniors and Recreation.

Information gathered includes both governmental and interest-based programs. Seniors can find material relating to aging-in-

place services, and parents with young children can learn about the Mamas and Papas, a long-standing playgroup that meets every Wednesday at the playground across Crescent Road from the Greenbelt Library.

Connecting Across Greenbelt is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to enhance the quality of life for all residents of Greenbelt and facilitate connections between Greenbelt neighborhoods. Since its inception, it has sponsored Art in the Three Sisters Gardens, developed a Mental Health Toolkit and held online discussions on topics such as public safety and micro-aggressions. More information about the group can be found on its website.



PHOTO BY LETTY WILSON BONNELL

Skippers rest on a zinnia.



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meeting of the GHI Board Meetings on August 11, 2022

#### GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p:m - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on June 16, 2022
- b) Request by a Member for an Exception to the Two-year Profit Provision in the Mutual Ownership Contract
- c) Request by a Member of for Permission to Leave Their Unit Unoccupied
- d) Member Complaint Matters
- e) Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
  - Contract with an IT Consulting Firm to Re-design GHI's Website
  - Contract with an Investment Firm to Invest GHI Funds – 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  - 2022 Contract for Underground Utility Pipe Repairs - 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  - 2022 Contract for Replacement of Roofs for Block Homes – 1<sup>st</sup> reading

#### GHI Open Meeting -starts after the GDC Open Meeting ends – open to visitors and members

- a) Statement of Closed Meeting of the Investment Committee Held on July 21, 2022
- b) Statement of Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on August 11, 2022
- c) Review Minutes of the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting Held on May 12, 2022
- d) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on June 16, 2022
- e) Buildings Committee 2021- 2022 Report
- f) Proposal to Install a 4'-0" High Fence and Gate to Enclose the Gardenside Yard at 2-L Eastway
- g) Proposal to Install a Gazebo in the Side Yard of 14-Z3 Hillside Rd
- h) Review Report re: Strategic Planning Work Session Held on July 17 and July 18, 2022
- i) Proposed Rules for Pools and Outdoor Recreation Structures
- j) Member Comments re: Proposed Revisions to GHI's Complaint Procedures
- k) Proposed Meeting Dates During January to May 2023
- l) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on September 1, 2022

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meeting must register in advance via the following link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvc-ChrJliHdHBNOsiPzcbpM10UT\\_VGWu%C2%A0](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvc-ChrJliHdHBNOsiPzcbpM10UT_VGWu%C2%A0)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from July 25 through July 31. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltdmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported. Subsequent actions related to some incidents may be published on social media.

## Assault

On July 27 at 4:55 p.m. near 6000 block of Springhill Drive, officers were called to a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers spoke to a woman who had an apparent stab wound to her chest. She had parked and on exiting her vehicle, another woman came up to her, said "Hey" and stabbed her in the chest. Officers rendered first aid upon arrival. The victim was transported to hospital.

## Carjacking

On July 26 at 11:14 p.m. near Greenbelt Road / Hanover Parkway, a driver reported an attempted carjacking. The victim stated that two males wearing all black with facemasks on, tried to steal his vehicle. A black Nissan Altima pulled up next to him at a traffic light and they got out and approached his vehicle. One of the suspects tapped on his window with a handgun described as a Glock 19, signaling him to get out. The victim, who is a federal officer, pulled out his firearm and pointed it at the assailants who returned to their vehicle and fled the scene.

## Auto Recovered

On July 26 at 9:54 a.m. near 9168 Edmonston Road, a stolen red Hyundai Sport was recovered.

## Auto Stolen

On July 30 at 2:28 p.m. near Mandan Road / Ora Glen Drive, a Mercedes 550 was reported stolen.

## Break-in

On July 25 at 12:08 p.m. near 400 Ridge Road, two individuals known to the occupant had made unauthorized entry to her apartment and injured her. She refused treatment and declined to assist inquiries further.

## Disorderly Conduct

On July 28 at 2:08 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road, a report of disorderly conduct and threats were received but although the assailant was found and identified, the victim declined to press charges.

## DUI

On July 26 at 2:09 p.m. near Cherrywood Lane / Cherrywood Court, an individual was stopped while driving a car without front tags. After noticing the smell of marijuana, the officer found a small quantity in the vehicle and noted symptoms of usage. After field sobriety testing, the driver was arrested and subsequently released. The vehicle was impounded and a citation issued.

On July 29 at 10:15 a.m. near Cherrywood Lane, a traffic stop for an unrestrained passenger resulted in the arrest and transportation of the impaired driver to the county sheriff's office on an open warrant.

On July 30 at 1:12 a.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, an individual was arrested for DUI after a traffic stop at 8:18 p.m.; near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, a male driver was stopped for erratic driving and, following field sobriety tests, was issued a citation.

## Fight

On July 27 at 2:18 p.m. near 7900 Good Luck Road, a fight was reported in progress. When police arrived, one combatant had fled and the other reported that an item had been stolen.

## Fraud

On July 25 at 1:11 p.m. near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a fraud was reported when a check was taken from a USPS mailbox and changed in value and payee; later, at 3:48 p.m. near 5200 Rock Quarry Avenue, a credit card fraud was reported after a man lost his wallet.

On July 26 at 3:54 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, police responded to Beltway Plaza in reference to a fraud in which stolen bankcards were used to initiate a transaction that was then canceled by the bank; additionally at 4:03 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, a fraud was reported in which a number of checks had been washed and resubmitted.

On July 28 at 6:33 p.m. near 8000 Mandan Road, an individual was defrauded by being persuaded to purchase and hand over gift cards on a promise of financial gain which did not materialize.

On July 30 at 10:25 a.m. near 400 Ridge Road, a fraud was reported when an ATM card was used although the card itself was still in the possession of its owner.

## Fraud and Extortion

On July 29 at 6:56 p.m. near 7850 Lakecrest Drive, a caller purporting to be holding the victim's mother hostage was recognized as attempting fraud and extortion when the mother was found to be unaware of the situation and safe.

## Missing Person

On July 27 at 7:22 p.m. near 100 Westway, officers responded to a call of a found child. After considerable effort to find his home, the child was released into the custody of his parents but was the next day reported by them to have run away again. He was quickly found.

## Thefts

On July 26 at 7:43 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, an apparently delivered package was stolen from outside a residence.

On July 30 at 9:31 p.m. near 6400 Capitol Drive, the manager of a restaurant told officers that a large party had left without paying an extensive bill.

On July 26 at 9:26 a.m. near 8000 Lakecrest Drive, the theft of an aqua blue Kia electric scooter was reported. The owner did not know its VIN but believed she had seen a man riding it nearby.

## Thefts from Auto

On July 25 at 9:07 a.m. near 8000 Mandan Road, a man discovered his rear driver-side window broken and scratches on the trunk of his white 2022 Nissan Altima. He also realized that the lug-nut key had been stolen from his vehicle.

On July 27 at 6:31 a.m. near

100 Westway, all four wheels were stolen from a 2021 Toyota Corolla with Virginia tags and the vehicle left resting on yellow plastic crates; at 1:06 p.m. near Greendale Place, the tags on a camper van were reported stolen and at 3:23 p.m. near 30 Court Ridge Road, a theft from auto was reported where a door lock and part of a steering column were damaged.

On July 28 at 6:11 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, a theft was reported by the owner of a car whose passenger front window was broken and all four rims and tires taken. A nearby incident reported about the same time had resulted in a broken side window and a stolen airbag; then following these incidents at 6:43 a.m. near 6200 Breezewood Court, seven additional vehicles were found during a search by police, to have been subject to destroyed driver's-side windows and removed airbags.

On July 31 at 9:21 a.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, an officer responding to an initial report of theft from auto during an area check located another vehicle nearby that had also been vandalized. The first vehicle had a broken right rear window and items missing from the car. The second vehicle had a broken window and all four tires and rims stolen. At 9:31 a.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, a vehicle had its window broken and items stolen from within. At 12:12 p.m. near 7200 Hanover Drive, multiple vehicles were identified in a hotel parking lot as having experienced thefts. One car had been broken into, its tires and rims stolen as well as valuables being taken from within the vehicle. A second and third vehicle had broken windows and valuables removed; in addition, at 12:50 p.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a theft from auto was reported.

## Vandalism

On July 25 at 9:44 a.m. near 48 Crescent Road, a patrol officer noticed that a small graphically painted vehicle had the words "MOVE THIS TRUCK" spray-painted, one word per side.

On July 27 at 10:12 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, vandalism was reported to a front door.

On July 31 at 5:56 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Road, vandalism to a Dodge Charger was reported when its alarm went off and alerted the owner; then at 6:39 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a caller said the glass door to the front of the building was vandalized; and at 7:30 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, vandalism involving fire extinguishers was investigated.

# Greenbelt Police Exonerated In May 2 Shooting Incident

by Emily Hahn

The internal investigation regarding the Greenbelt police shooting on Plateau Place on May 2 closed on July 26 and found that the officers involved performed within the departmental policy of use of force, according to a press release from the Greenbelt Police Department. The Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County declined to prosecute officers for their actions, as stated in a letter of declination on June 21, based on the nature of the subject's injuries.

When officers arrived at Plateau Place on a call for a suicidal male on the morning of May 2, the adult male caller greeted police with a six-inch blade in hand, according to the Police Department incident summary. "The man then rapidly exited the residence towards the officers and raised the weapon. At that time, both officers discharged their weapons," the summary stated. Both officers shot five rounds each, for a total of 10.

Officers are trained to shoot until the "threat is no longer present," said Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers at the community crime forum on July 28. He also explained to attendees that a single bullet doesn't

stop someone who is moving toward you, saying that it's "physics."

When crowd members at the forum asked about the shooting, Bowers said that the suicidal male who made the call, "did not allow the officers any opportunity to do anything other than what happened," and that, "there was no opportunity for any dialogue." The evidence of this case indicated that the caller had planned to commit law enforcement-assisted suicide, Bowers said.

The police officers involved "instantaneously transitioned into trauma care" once the man fell to the ground after being shot.

There is now a crisis counselor who has started working at the Greenbelt Police Department. The position was opened in January, and filled about a month ago, according to the department. This position is held by a social worker who responds along with officers on calls relating to behavioral health issues. The department plans to hire another crisis counselor, according to Bowers.



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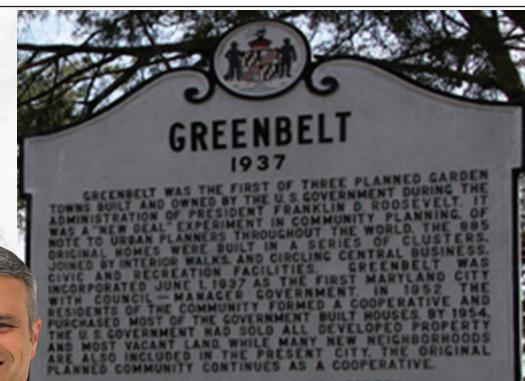
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## Sports

# Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team Completes Successful Season

by Johanna Moore

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GMST competed in the C division of the Prince-Mont Swim League (PMSL) and finished with a 2 to 3 record. Many swimmers qualified for the C Divisions Championship Meet (July 23) and PMSL All Star Meet (July 30). The summer was filled with great workouts, dropped times, cheering, friendships and lots of fun. The team was led by Head Coach Cora Jackson, a swimmer on the team herself. Assistant coaches Alexandra Nickel, Dora-Marie Groeselma, Quentin Walsh, Maia Swisdak, Olivia Nickel and Christian Horchler (all swimmers on the team as well) also contributed to making this season a success for everyone. Noteworthy is that Jackson was one of two recipients of the PMSL's Team Spirit Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a senior swimmer who has exhibited willingness to go the extra mile to help the team, build team spirit and demonstrate leadership, effort, dedication and a positive attitude.

GMST is an inclusive organization and is always on the lookout for future Barracudas. They practice year-round at the GAFC. For more information visit [greenbeltswimteam.com](http://greenbeltswimteam.com) and look for the team in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade.

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GMST Girls 200 Graduated Free Relay Team placed first at the PMSL All Star Meet on July 30.



Young swimmers at the awards banquet are, from left, Emilia Loo, Elizabeth Moore, McKenna Lynch and Rose Platt.

- Photos by Johanna Moore



Cora Jackson, right, receives the PMSL Team Spirit Scholarship Award. Pictured on the left is John Venit, PMSL President.

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The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended and implementing regulation 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, describing the proposed action alternative and the no action alternative. Under the proposed action alternative, the Secretary would approve the demolition and removal of these 117 buildings, followed by recontouring of the building sites to pre-construction conditions, where feasible. This would support reduction of long-term operational and maintenance costs of the buildings, which no longer support the mission of USDA-ARS, and would support the potential redevelopment of areas on the BARC facility making it more sustainable and supportive of new and ongoing research opportunities.

The EA is open for a 30-day public review from August 4, 2022 through September 2, 2022. A printed copy of the EA is available for review at the BARC, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Building 003, Room 009, Beltsville, MD 20705; at the College Park Community Library, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park, MD 20740; and at the Beltsville Branch Library, 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD 20705; and on-line at <https://www.ars.usda.gov/northeast-area/docs/environmental-assessment/>.

Any person interested in commenting on this EA should submit comments no later than September 2, 2022, to Bill Howl, BARC Point of Contact, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Bldg. 003, Beltsville, Maryland 20705 or by email at [bill.howl@usda.gov](mailto:bill.howl@usda.gov).

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# Register Now to Participate In the Labor Day Parade

by Jim Tilton

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Creativity is encouraged, and prizes are awarded. Participants can create a float, perform a short skit or athletic routine, show off an antique or other unique vehicle, or simply march together displaying a sign advertising a group.

To register, fill out and submit a parade registration form; see the link on the Parade Participants website at [greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants](http://greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants). The form should be emailed to [GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net](mailto:GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net) by Friday, August 26. Parade registrants will be acknowledged with a confirmation email.



Cicadas fly in the 2021 Labor Day Parade.

The 2022 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road

between 8 and 9:30 a.m. These and other details can be found on the Parade Participants website noted above.



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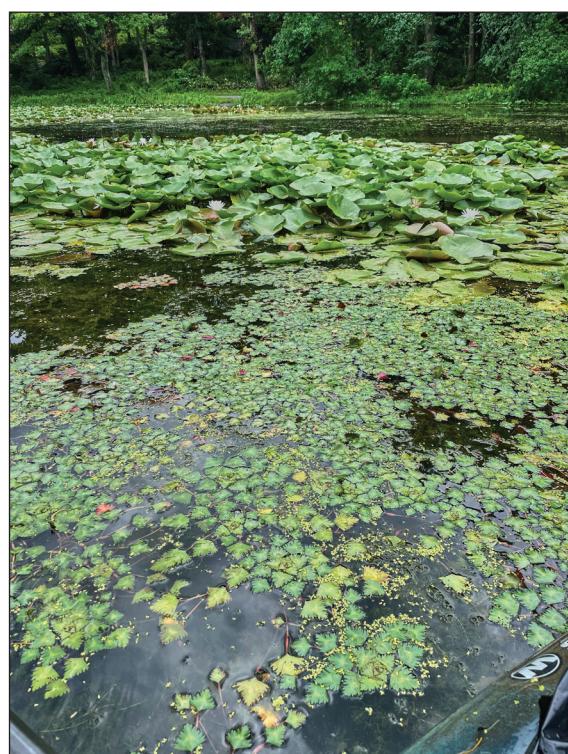
from the D.C. Department of Energy and Environment and the USGS, who have been working to remove water chestnut from northern Virginia, where scientists have documented it for at least 20 years. Carpenter-Driscoll coordinated with Nancy Rybicki from the USGS, who came to Greenbelt Lake and confirmed the species as two-horned water chestnut (*Trapa bispinosa*), the first confirmed identification of this species in Maryland.

The fruit, or "chestnut," of the water chestnut has thornlike

spines that allow it to become lodged in unsuspecting waterfowl like ducks or Canada geese and carried to new bodies of water (the most likely scenario for how it appeared in Greenbelt). Water chestnut is environmentally concerning because of its ability to grow and spread, both vegetatively and by seed. It expands across the water's surface, starving other plant life of light and negatively impacting dissolved oxygen content in the body of water. Luckily, the water chestnut in Greenbelt Lake only estab-

lished a few small populations near the dam and by the tip of the peninsula.

Public Works staff used a kayak to manually remove six 33-gallon trash bags full of water chestnut and properly dispose of them. Members of the public should be on the lookout for invasive water chestnut in other bodies of water in the area and report it via iNaturalist or directly to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at 410-841-5920.



Water chestnut (*Trapa sp.*)



Closeup of *Trapa sp.*

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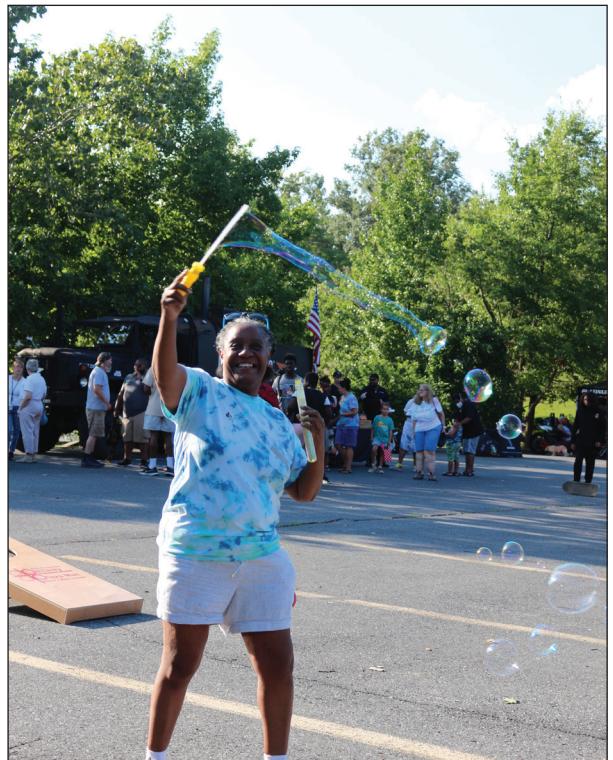
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## National Night Out



The fire department hands out free red or black firefighter's helmets at Greenbelt's National Night Out.

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